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INVITATION TO HOLD PLENARY IN TURIN

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SUMMARY: FRG WOULD PROBABLY CONCUR IN ACCEPTANCE OF
ITALIAN INVITATION TO HOLD CCMS SPRING PLENARY IN
TURIN IF ADDITIONAL ALLIED SUPPORT APPEARS. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG NATO DELOFF INFORMED MISSION PRIVATELY
THAT FRG POSITION ON ITALIAN INVITATION
(REFTEL) ESSENTIALLY AS FOLLOWS: FRG STILL
UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT TURIN PLENARY BUT WILL NOT
DISSENT IF OTHER ALLIES FAVORABLE. WE UNDERSTAND
FRG NATO DEL THEN WOULD SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS
AND FRG WOULD PROBABLY CONCUR. IF OTHER DELS
OUTSPOKENLY NEGATIVE, FRG, TOO, WOULD OPPOSE.

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2. BASIC FRG PROBLEM REMAINS ADDED DISTANCE, TIME,
AND EXPENSE FOR ITS DELEGATES TO ATTEND MEETING
IN TURIN, RATHER THAN BRUSSELS, AND RELUCTANCE SET
FURTHER PRECEDENT FOR MEETINGS AWAY FROM NATO AFTER

CCMS PLENARY IN OTTAWA. JUDGING FROM INDICATIONS
AT RECENT CCMS PLENARY, UK AND FRANCE LIKELY SHARE
FRG VIEW.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, US AND CANADIAN
PERMREPS HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT HERE.
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDED FROM
OTHER QUARTERS. IN VIEW OF FAVORABLE DISPOSITION OF
NETHERLANDS CCMS REP VIGEVENO AT CCMS PLENARY,
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSIDER APPROACH TO GON TO
BACK GOI INVITATION HERE. TURKS AND PORTUGUESE, TOO,
MIGHT BE HELPFUL. AT SAME TIME, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH
CONSIDER EXPRESSION OF US SUPPORT WITH FRG
OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE IN BONN. RUMSFELD

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